

the brain to the muscles, or changing the figure, from the conscience to the will, and from the will to the volition, has hardly time to reach its destination, so urgent is the "King's business." *Instant.* If you are marching under these orders, you can not put off until tomorrow what should be done today; you can not wait for more convenient season, for there stands the "out of season" to confound you. If you should pray, be at it; if you ought to relieve distress, *now* is the word; if you see the need of a message of warning, reproof, sympathy, encouragement, speak it; if you are in arrears on the pastor's salary, or owe for the EVANGELIST, make a dive for your pocket, in short be short in nothing which pertains to your duty, either in time or measure, lest you come short of God's glory. These instant people are the salt of the earth, and the saviors of every good cause. God bless them. Neither the world nor the church could do without them, even for a day.

They Will Not Succeed

Time exhibits some strange contrasts and some striking revenges, as any one must have noticed who read the strong and eloquent speech of Eugene Young, grandson of Brigham, who recently addressed the Woman's Board of Home Missions in New York, against the seating of polygamous Roberts, elected to Congress by the Mormons of Utah. This fellow has three wives, and the whole country is aroused against the duplicity and audacity of the Mormon hierarchy, which hypocritically renounced polygamy in order to secure the admission of Utah as a state, and now returns to the abominable thing under the shelter of states' rights. We prophesied this denouement of the Mormon controversy, and we have interpreted the enormous proselyting energy recently displayed by this indecent gang as an effort to fill up the whole Rocky Mountain empire with a Mormon population, hoping thus to become a tantamount if not a paramount political power, and hoping also to save their peculiar institution of polygamy from the righteous indignation of a civilized nation. But they will not succeed. America is not quite willing yet to descend to the status of Turkey.

The Universal Paradox

Seeing eyes that do not see, hearing ears that do not hear, sentient hearts that do not understand; this was the Lord's plaint concerning the multitudes around him who gaped upon the wonders of his power, or heard his discourse of inimitable wisdom. Are we not like them? How many of us have eyes to see the wonderful things all around us, the visions of beauty and glory in earth and sky, the hand of the Lord here, there and everywhere; the infinities and the splendors above and beneath us. How dull

also our visual receptivity in spiritual things, the footprints of God in this and that providence, his controlling hand upon the lash of turbulent nations, the bridle of his will in the mouths of statesmen and warriors, the "all things" working together for ultimate righteousness and the good of his people. Celestial harmonies are also resounding through earth and sky, but we do not hear them. Sons of God and morning stars discourse sublime anthems in vain for the heavy ear drums of stolid indifference, or unconsciousness. So much of our clod kinship is in us that we do not hear. The sweet music of truth, or love, or sympathy, or peace, flows on around us and above us, but we heed it not. Sealed also are the magnificent realms of thought to unreceptive intellects, and the realms of truth and love to petrified hearts. Thus in the midst of an ocean of life,—life in all its manifestations of power and beauty, and harmony,—we are dead; unreceptive, or but a little receptive here and there, admitting a single quavering note where a symphony resounds, a single feeble ray where an ocean of glory rolls, seeing but a dim and doubtful vision where an army of angels march. Arduous is the task of teachers and pastors to widen and deepen the receptivity of the mind and soul for all higher and better things, to unbar the windows and unlock the doors of this gross nature of ours, and let in God's beatitudes and infinities. Patient Love, laden with unspeakable blessings, speaks to pastor and people, Ephphatha. Be opened, O dull ears and dim eyes.

Personal Mention

Brother Rensch begins revival services in his congregation January 8th.

Brother Byers preached in the Johnstown congregation Christmas morning and evening.

At Garrison, Iowa, the result of a two weeks' meeting by sister Clara Flora was one accession.

Brother L. W. Ditch reports eleven accessions at Bethel, Ind. Another victory for the Master.

Brother D. A. Hopkins reports five accessions at New Enterprise, Ind., and one at Twelve Mile.

Brother J. A. Myers reports another accession at Millersburg, Iowa; he also sends us three new subscriptions with the cash.

Brother J. G. Winey is engaged in revival services at a new point in Michigan—Sunfield. Four have made the good confession.

Brother Koontz reports two accessions to the church and a very pleasant surprise, together with church work moving forward encouragingly.

Yes, Brother Knepper, we have a very fair idea as to what that donation was like. We know from experience how the preacher fares in the Meyersdale congregation.

The Warsaw church has just put in a fine new furnace. Brother Hildebrand, Waterloo, Iowa, is to hold a meeting there beginning January 15. So reports the pastor, Brother Yoder.

Brother M. E. Horner writes: "For me I can not see how one family can do without our church pa-

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Honor Your Father and Mother

Young People's Paper.

George Washington, when quite young, was about to go to sea as a midshipman. Everything was in readiness; his trunk had been taken on board the boat; and he went to bid his mother farewell, when he saw tears filling her eyes. Seeing her distress, he turned to the servant, and said: "Go and tell them to fetch my trunk back. I will not go away to break my mother's heart."

His mother, struck with his decision, said to him, "George, God has promised to bless the children that honor their parents; and I believe he will bless you." We are sure to be richly blessed of God when we obey his commands.

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